

Board for Certification of Interpreters (BCI)

Jeffrey Dunlap, Chair



Jeffrey Dunlap currently holds a MICS Comprehensive level certification and is actively pursuing the NIC. Jeffrey received his Associates Degree from Maple Woods Community College ITP. He has been a community interpreter with 15 years of experience in freelance work as well as some educational interpreting. He has some teaching experience in an ITP and has been instrumental in guiding and coaching practicum students to prepare them for the transition from ITP to the interpreting profession. Jeffrey has interpreted a variety of settings from the last three Presidential administrations to cruises, and has had the opportunity to work with Deaf people in North and South America, Asia and Africa. He continues to work full time in the community with an intense focus on medical and legal settings, as well as day to day emergencies.

Cathee Wolford, Secretary

A University of Missouri-Columbia graduate, Wolford is a senior vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Serving in this position since June 2010, she is responsible for the supervision of case management for clients who are deaf and hard of hearing in the Kansas City area, providing vocational guidance and counseling, support, options for vocational goals, and networking with providers



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Geneva Shearburn



Missouri Governor Jay Nixon recently appointed Geneva Shearburn to the Board of Certification of Interpreters (BCI). Shearburn works for Special School District (SSD).

Shearburn received her Master of Arts in teaching and curriculum development in 1989 from Webster University and her Bachelor of Science in Deaf Education in 1976 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She holds comprehensive certifications from the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) and MCDHH, as well as certification as a teacher for the deaf, K-12. She is currently an educational interpreter for Special School District, a video relay interpreter for Sorenson Communications, a workshop presenter and a consultant.

Geneva is actively involved in groups, such as the National and Missouri Association of the Deaf, Children of Deaf Parents and the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Geneva assists in the continuation of accessibility and equality through working with the BCI and MCDHH.

Mishely Tisius

Mishely Tisius has been a professional Sign Language Interpreter since 2002. She has extensive interpreting experience including education, medical (emergency and non-emergency), VRS, mental health and government interpreting. She holds an Associate's in Deaf Communication Studies, a Bachelor's in Business Management, and a Master's Certificate of Leadership and Supervision within Interpreting. Complementing her educational background and interpreting experience, she has 20 years experience in customer service, leadership and management. She has served as a Missouri Test Evaluator with MCDHH since 2007 and enjoys volunteering to improve interpreting services throughout the state. Her passions outside of work include exercising, learning, cooking and spending time with her husband, dog, family and friends.



MCDHH is currently looking for a Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing person to fill the last vacancy on the BCI. The member shall be fluent in American Sign Language, Pidgin Sign English, oral, tactile sign, or any specialized vocabulary used by deaf persons. The member shall have a background in and knowledge of interpreting and evaluation. Please inquire within MCDHH to find out how you can fill this vacancy.